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Pi Kappa Phi Journey Of Hope Stops In Las Vegas June 21-22

Everyone Invited To Attend Welcome And Wheelchair Basketball Demonstration Tuesday

A team of 34 cyclists and crew members participating in Journey of Hope will visit Las Vegas June 21-22 as a stop on their 3,900-mile cycling event across the country to raise funds and awareness for people with disabilities. The group departs from Long Beach, California, June 17 on their trek to Washington, D.C.

The southern route team will arrive at noon Tuesday, June 21, for a friendship visit at Mirabelli Community Center, located at 6200 Hargrove Ave. Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman will present a proclamation naming June 21 as Ability Experience Day. Team members will have lunch and participate in a wheelchair basketball demonstration with local athletes. Tuesday evening they will go bowling at the Santa Fe lanes with participants in the city's Adaptive Recreation program and spend Wednesday at Wet 'n' Wild with city of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation program summer campers.

The city's Adaptive Recreation unit provides community-based, therapeutic recreation services and opportunities for individuals to become and to stay active.

Journey of Hope is a program of The Ability Experience, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, which raises funds and awareness for people with disabilities. The Journey of Hope team consists of men from Pi Kappa Phi chapters across the country. The team will cycle an average of 75 miles per day, with groups beginning in Long Beach, Seattle and San Francisco, and ending together Aug. 13 in Washington, D.C.

For the team, the real journey will not be on a bike, but spending time with the people for whom they are riding. The Journey of Hope team members will have spent every afternoon with people with disabilities in many different community events and activities. These men are striving for community inclusion of people with disabilities and are helping to break the barriers of society that keep people of all abilities from living life to the fullest.

Push America (now The Ability Experience) was founded in 1977 with the hope of committing its members to enhance the lives of people with disabilities. With the combined efforts of sponsors and individual team members, this year's Journey of Hope may raise more than \$500,000 on behalf of people with disabilities. Push America/The Ability Experience and Pi Kappa Phi have raised more than \$15 million to date and continue to be on the cutting edge of the disability movement.

For more information about the Journey of Hope visit www.abilityexperience.org. To set up an interview, please contact Murphy Siegel at 918-318-5307 and msiegel@abilityexperience.org or traveling crew member Algernon Dean at 561-221-3876, email adean19@my.fau.edu.

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